



Dear FRS-Holland listener!

Under the title "*FRS-News*" we provide you with the latest FRS-Holland news. We aim to optimize the information towards our listeners. Not only *you* but also *we* as a radio station benefit from this. We can supply you with info concerning our previous broadcast(s) and inform about future plans. The latter will certainly mean (at least: we hope) more listeners tune in to our future broadcasts as you are informed ahead of the broadcast! This Newssheet enables us to tell you what's going on. The advantage is we don't need to repeat the same info for each personal letter. Everyone dropping us a line receives this general Newssheet and in addition you receive some **personal notes** as well providing you took the trouble to include some personal notes in your letter. In other words: *we'd love some personal info, criticism, comments etc. rather than only a standard pre-copied reception report.*

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Now some information concerning FRS-Holland's programmes which are based on "*a balance between music and information*" being the well-known FRS philosophy which has proved to be very popular and successful over the past 20 years!

NEW ADDRESS....NEW ADDRESS....NEW ADDRESS....

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FRS-HOLLAND NEWS

Hello and welcome in this first 2001 edition of FRS News not be confused with the FRS Newsletter. This one is for free and is entirely focused at FRS-Holland as a independent SW radio station. The *FRS Newsletter* is focused at providing you the latest news from the wonderful world of radio. Order a sample copy and you will discover it's worth reading....

Thanks to all of you having written in for the Joop ter Zee Memorial Broadcast. In fact it were two broadcasts on Sunday October 29th and a repeat one week later on the 5th of November. We like to apologize for replying to you a few months later. Several reasons underlie this delay, in fact all are ((in)directly) tied up with Joop's death. Some of you who are subscribed to the FRS Newsletter have already read the "In Memory of Joop ter Zee" being part of the Newsletter #27 in September 2000. For those who haven't, here it is....

- In Memory of Joop ter Zee -

Tuesday June 27th at 05.08 CEST Joop ter Zee passed away in hospital. He was 40. He leaves behind his girlfriend Willy, his parents and his sister Marja. Joop died in hospital, he suffered from Hepatitis C and a number of serious complications. Early June he returned from a two week holiday to Crete, his favourite holiday destination. I remember his Email telling me he was back in town. And he came up with some ideas about the upcoming FRS 20th birthday. I phoned him telling I needed a few extra FRS Jingle CDs. As Joop had the master tape, he burned them but wasn't able to bring them. He became ill and thought he would soon recover. But he wouldn't. Hepatitis C and a very aggressive bacterium undermined his health. He was hospitalized. Sunday June 25th he was moved to the Intensive Care. He was kept in a coma and I haven't been able to speak to him eye to eye. On Monday it was clear Joop wouldn't recover. A shock. I was in the hospital all Monday together with his family. I shall never forget that day. Emotional, powerlessness. You see him lying, he was on a handful of monitors. You cannot help, you cannot communicate. Late that evening I went home. I went to sleep and at 05.20 I was called by Willy. I undressed and went to hospital to see him for the very final time. It was 05.45. He died within two weeks after he became ill. Incomprehensible. Joop was cremated on Saturday July 1st, it was so good to see so many people for a definitive and final farewell from Joop. It was a 20 minute service, not long, but so *intense*. Four of Joop's favourite records were played. Pearl Jam, The Who, The Verve and ABC. After the service a lot of Joop's (radio) friends got together, reminiscing.

I had the privilege working with Joop for more than 20 years. I met him in 1978 and ever since we became not only *radio friends* but also *friends*. We had mutual hobbies: *music* and *radio*. But there was more connecting us. In 1993 Joop lost his girlfriend Janine, they lived together for 10 years. A terrible loss for him. After her death our bond became even stronger. I was so happy for him when he met Willy. A new start for him. A new step in his life.

We started presenting a flashback show at the local hospital radio station. In 1979 we worked together with a few former FRS presenters for our very own local FM pirate, ABC Music Radio. And in 1980 we started FRS-Holland, together with Bobby Speed and others. A fantastic period. Joop produced our very first freaky jingle package with his Akai tape recorder, I remember sitting in his little studio situated in his sleeping room. Ever since Joop developed into a creative, skilful jingle producer. He had brilliant ideas and greatly contributed to the characteristic sound of FRS-Holland. He produced numerous jingles. And more and more it appeared we spoke the same language. I was the one writing the lyrics, Joop was the one doing the mixing part. He produced the jingles with the perfect choice of music beds and production elements. We made a good couple. And we complemented each other very well. Apart from a few months in 1982, Joop presented pxs for FRS-Holland for almost 20 years. Two decades. Remember his FRS Golden Show, the Int. Listeners' Letter Show from which he was co-presenter, Sounds Alternatives and the Short SW Parade. Sounds Alternatives is perhaps the most famous and best known show he produced. That was during most of the 80s. I remember Joop worked in a local pub every Sat evening. Every week he bought 45 rpm records. He had an eye for those unknown or less known artists/ records. And Sounds Alternatives was the programme in which all that great stuff was played. U2, Simple Minds (in the beginning of their careers), New Musik, Any Trouble, Colourfield, the Photos, the Buggles, Firefall, the Associates....just to name a few. Joop also participated in FRS goes DX writing the Alternative Thoughts column in his very own, unique style. He was the one creating the FRS website and managing our address book.

In my eyes he was a very talented, creative radio personality. Both his jingles/promos and radio shows were without any doubt "*Just a bit different*" propagating the FRS philosophy. Fast-moving, with a great musical choice and loads of those funny, sometimes crazy jingles he entertained thousands of European SW enthusiasts over those almost 20 years. Many DXers loved his direct style of programmes. He built up a good reputation. I guess the words spoken by former FRS jock Mark Stafford are very right and goes for many FRS listeners: "*I never met Joop Ter Zee but obviously felt like I knew him having listened over the years and having been part of the FRSH team. I will always remember him doing crazy things and saying just what he thought. I mean that in a very nice way! It's strange when a radio person dies. Even if you didn't ever meet him, you knew him like a friend.*"

Together we produced the 4½ hour "10 Years in the Life of FRS-Holland" documentary in 1990. For us a milestone. Almost 200 hours of spare time were put into that project. And not so long ago - October 1999- we completed the production of the first FRS-Holland Jingle CD. For Joop and me a document because it represents the evaluation of FRSH jingles through the years, right from the very beginning in 1980 till the Millennium set late 1999. Every time I planned a FRS broadcast, I discussed the ideas with Joop. FRS was carried by both of us together with tx engineer Bobby Speed, also a man from the first moment. Without knowing Joop presented his very final FRSH show in May before he left for Crete. He recorded a 60 min. programme which was aired in the early morning of Sun May 28th as a test to North America. Joop- the Zeeman- ter Zee...he is sadly missed as a friend and radio friend. I know I said it before but have to say it one more time...without him FRS-Holland is amputated.

I wish Willy, his parents and sister so much courage and strength. What is left are all those good memories. In my mind but also in our huge tape archive. I will cherish them. Joop, friend, thank you for all those great years.

Peter Verbruggen, Friday September 22nd 2000

Now some info regarding the combined Memorial Broadcast/ FRS 20th Birthday back in October and November although it must be obvious that we emphasized almost fully on Joop ter Zee rather than our 20th birthday.... In the months of September and October tens of hours were spent to prepare this emotional, moving broadcast. No doubt it was the most difficult one we ever carried out. It was so good to see how many listeners/ FRS Friends participated. One more time **THANKS** to each of you!! Those who listened can only reveal that it was overwhelming. The full px schedule that day was:

UTC	Programme	CET
07.52	Opening: Ids/ Theme Tune	08.52
08.02	Breakfast Birthday Show- <u>Peter Verbruggen</u> <i>80s music, info about the In Memory of JTZ Show & FRS memories</i>	09.02
08.30	Off Beat- <u>Mark Jones</u> (part 1) <i>Special edition with alternative JTZ rock sounds, memories, extracts from our archives & listener's contributions (incl. taped/ written messages & condolences)</i>	09.30
09.15	Peter Verbruggen- In Memory of Joop ter Zee (1)	10.15
10.00	Off Beat- <u>Mark Jones</u> (part 2)	11.00
10.45	In Memory of Joop ter Zee (2)- <u>Peter Verbruggen</u> <i>The very best (of) JTZ (music) from the 1980-1999 FRS era, & a few special items.</i>	11.45
13.45	Close Down.	14.45

The broadcast on 6280/ 48 metres was presented by Mark Jones who did 90 minutes in German and Peter Verbruggen doing the remaining part (see programme schedule). During the broadcast nothing but Joop ter Zee's favourite music was played and of course all those contributions, sometimes only a few sentences, sometimes nearly a complete DIN A4 page! No doubt many FRS listeners were very shocked and upset by Joop's death witness the taped and written contributions we received via P.O.Box 2727. For the first time we also received a number of audio (MP3) contributions via the Internet. Crisp clear, excellent quality! During the broadcast no Listeners' Competition, we felt that would be out of place. Originally we would be closing down at 13.15 UTC but as it was impossible to read out and play all contributions we not only were forced to extend broadcasting time with another 30 minutes till 13.45 but also to cancel the DX-Show. A promise was made: a 50 min. edition of FRS Goes DX would be aired next week on the 5th of November. Propagation conditions on the 29th were fair to good and most listeners heard us in fine quality: a strong signal and loud modulation. Power was approx. 150W using a horizontal open half wave dipole. Recording this

Memorial Broadcast took much preparation. Peter compiled more than 10 blocks with Joop ter Zee extracts being some kind of cross-section of 20 years Joop ter Zee on FRSH. Just in time a set of specially produced jingles arrived direct from the USA. Two extra MD players (apart from the two already used) had to be installed in Peter Verbruggen's studio. Peter will never forget the day he recorded these pxs. Mark Jones did a great job with two excellent German programmes, he will be back on FRSH late December! Sunday Nov. 5th saw a full repeat of the Joop ter Zee Memorial Broadcast. Already on Saturday afternoon Bobby Speed, Peter Verbruggen and Joop's girlfriend Willy went to a location from which the broadcast would take place. Just before darkness set in, we managed to erect the aerial and test a few minutes. We spend the night at the location and already as early as 06.15 UTC the next morning FRSH was on 6280 kHz. Official programming began at 07.02 UTC sharp as we needed almost an extra hour because of the "extra" DX-Show. And so we were almost 7 hours non-stop on air till just before 14.00 UTC. Unfortunately the signal wasn't as good as on the 29th, reason for that were the conditions. Normally it can be taken for granted that propagation is good to very good in November but unfortunately that was not the case on the 5th! Power was 90W. Nevertheless many listeners heard us in satisfactory quality. By doing two trms in 8 days we offered listeners the chance to tune in to FRS-Holland during one of the two occasions. In particular the second weekend was emotional and intense, certainly for Willy.

Soon we will handle all mail for the two trms. As we have a special QSL in mind (*not* advertised during the pxs) which couldn't be produced until December, it's logical listeners have to wait a little longer than usual. So if you have written in, we will handle your letter in December!

Many listeners requested copies of our 29th October/ 5th November broadcast. As usual you can order your copies. Either on cassette, MD or even CD. Just Email us or write to the new Herten maildrop for detailed information.

October QSL

Joop ter Zee's girlfriend Willy produced a special QSL card which is the first one in our history dedicated to a person. We hope you like the QSL helping you to never ever forget Joop ter Zee who was for almost 20 years on FRSH. Joop will always be with us, we shall never forget him!!

X-Mas 2000

FRS-Holland would take to the air either on X-Mas Eve Sun Dec. 24th. Would... Pxs were recorded including a 60 min. DX-Show. The tapes didn't reach their destination in time and so our final 2000 broadcast was sadly cancelled.

North American Tests

Sun Dec. 31st FRS-Holland carried out an early morning test to the USA from 05.00- 07.00 UTC. And we were successful being received by a number of USA Dxers. Three weeks later, on the 21st of January, we once again tested, this time from 06.30- 07.30 UTC on 6289 kHz. Propagation was very good and FRS-Holland was received in fair quality on the US Eastcoast but also in Nashville Tennessee!

FRS-Holland Future Activities

So, what will be next? FRS-Holland plans a few more nighttime trms on 48 mb freqs trying to cross the Atlantic reaching North America and perhaps other parts of the world. Sunday Febr. 25th or alternatively March 4th/11th FRS-Holland will take to the air with a 3 hour broadcast introducing a new voice. That broadcast will include a 45 min. DX-Show plus Mark Jones's "Off Beat" in German, Peter Verbruggen's FRS Magazine and a new show... By the way: later this year we hope to complete our broadcasting team with a 4th voice. So: mark it on your calendar....the end of February or early March on a 48 mb frequency starting at 09.52 CET/ 08.52 UTC.

You will be informed via Email a few days before the actual broadcast takes place.

New: FRS E-News

We have introduced the E-(lectronic) News which will be forwarded to all of you who are stored in our Internet addressbook. The E-News will be sent on an irregular basis. Edition #1 was sent on Monday Febr. 5th.

New (Internet) Address(es)

We were forced to reorganize our Internet addresses after Joop ter Zee's death. He was the one who ran our website and Email address. From now on our Email addresses are:

<frsh@club.tip.nl>, <frsh@go.to> or

<peter.verbruggen@tip.nl>.

Website: <http://frsh.club.tip.nl> or <http://go.to/frsh>.

**As from Febr. 1st FRS-Holland has a new address:
P.O.Box 2702, 6049 ZG Herten in the Netherlands.**

Don't worry....all mail being sent to P.O.Box 2727 will be automatically redirected to the new address till the end of 2001 !!

Important: if you have an Email address and you would like to receive up-to-date FRS-Holland news, than send us your Email address and we will store it in our address book. By the way: our website will get a new look in future.

FRS-Holland Jingle CD

Since December numerous FRS jingle CDs were sent to people all over Europe. We got several very positive and even enthusiastic response. We are happy to have been selling so many. An extra info-sheet was included within the December edition of this Newsletter. If you haven't got one, let us know and we will forward it either via the Internet or via snailmail. The FRS Jingle CD covers digitalized stuff covering almost 20 years of FRS *jingling* divided into eight sections. It starts with the early 80s and ends with the millennium set produced in 1999. 226 jingles for only DM 30 / £ 10 / f 30 / US\$ 15. You can send the money cash to our maildrop: P.O.Box 2702, 6049 ZG in Herten, the Netherlands. A great asset to your jingle collection....the FRS-Holland Jingle CD.

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FRS Sales Productions offers you a wide range of video and audio tapes from radio stations all over the world. We have seven categories:

- ☐ Offshore stations
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- ☐ Landbased pirates (rest)
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In case you are interested in obtaining the complete brandnew FRS Sales Prod. catalogue, then send DM 3.00/ 2 IRCs/ \$2.00/ £ 1.50 / f2,- to: FRS Sales Productions, P.O.Box 2702, 6049 ZG Herten, the Netherlands. Special offers will be made via the quarterly FRS Newsletter and on the Internet. We offer tapes & videos for incredible prices, special discounts are given when ordering more than 5 tapes. And: from now on a number of recordings can also be obtained on MD or CD!! It's worth while to get hold of the revised catalogue, so where are you waiting for??

The **FRS SALES LIST 2000** contains hundreds of recordings from radio stations all over the world. After months of hard work the catalogue is now fully updated.

We have send some 80 brandnew FRS Sales Prod. booklets to several persons and got very positive reactions. The updated booklet contains no less than 28 pages with hundreds of audio recordings from radio stations around the world.

It's also available via Email (attachment) in Ascii, Word or Corel WP9 format (free).

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The phrase that pays

☛During future shows we will mention the names of six FRS listeners. That means: each presenter mentions in his show two names, one in the first part and one in the later part using the slogan: **"Right now also.....(name listener)..... is listening to FRS-Holland"**. This item is not part of the DX-Show!! Any of those six persons hearing his name on air in the above slogan, must send us a letter telling us at what time his name was mentioned. He can win himself a free radio cassette recording making a choice from the comprehensive FRS Sales Productions catalogue.

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We would like to thank you for your support and hope we may soon hear from you again!!

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"FRS-Holland, not just a station but a tradition"